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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT 2 relating to procedures regarding criminal defendants who are or may be persons with a mental illness or an intellectual disability. 3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS: 4 SECTION 1. Article 15.17, Code of Criminal Procedure, is 5 amended by adding Subsection (a-1) to read as follows: 6 (a-1) If a magistrate is provided written or electronic 7 notice of credible information that may establish reasonable cause 8 9 to believe that a person brought before the magistrate has a mental illness or is a person with an intellectual disability, the 10 magistrate shall conduct the proceedings described by Article 16.22 11 or 17.032, as appropriate. 12 SECTION 2. Article 16.22, Code of Criminal Procedure, is 13 14 amended to read as follows: Art. 16.22. EARLY IDENTIFICATION OF DEFENDANT SUSPECTED OF 15 16 HAVING MENTAL ILLNESS OR INTELLECTUAL DISABILITY **RETARDATION**]. (a)(1) Not later than $\underline{\text{four}}$ [72] hours after $\underline{\text{the}}$ 17 sheriff or other person having custody of a defendant for an offense 18 punishable as a Class B misdemeanor or any higher category of 19 offense determines that [receiving credible information that may 20 establish] reasonable cause may exist to believe that the [a] 21 defendant [committed to the sheriff's custody] has a mental illness 22 23 or is a person with an intellectual disability [mental retardation,

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including observation of the defendant's behavior immediately

before, during, and after the defendant's arrest and the results of 1 any previous assessment of the defendant], the sheriff or other 2 3 person shall provide written or electronic notice [of the information] to the magistrate. The notice must include any 4 information related to the sheriff's or other person's 5 determination, such as information regarding the defendant's 6 behavior immediately before, during, and after the defendant's 7 arrest and, if applicable, the results of any previous assessment 8 of the defendant. On a determination that there is reasonable cause 9 to believe that the defendant has a mental illness or is a person 10 with an intellectual disability [mental retardation], the 11 12 magistrate, except as provided by Subdivision (2), shall order the local mental health [or mental retardation] authority, local 13 intellectual and developmental disability authority, or another 14 15 qualified mental health or <u>intellectual disability</u> retardation] expert to: 16 17 (A) collect information regarding whether the defendant has a mental illness as defined by Section 571.003, 18 19 Health and Safety Code, or is a person with an intellectual disability [mental retardation] as defined by Section 591.003, 20 Health and Safety Code, including, if applicable, information 21 obtained from any previous assessment of the defendant and 22 information regarding any previously recommended treatment; and 23 24 (B) provide to the magistrate a written assessment of the information collected under Paragraph (A) on the 25 26 form approved by the Texas Correctional Office on Offenders with Medical or Mental Impairments under Section 614.0032(b)(3), Health 27

1 <u>and Safety Code</u>.

- The magistrate is not required to order the 2 collection of information under Subdivision (1) if the defendant in 3 the year preceding the defendant's applicable date of arrest has 4 5 been determined to have a mental illness or to be a person with an intellectual disability [mental retardation] by the local mental 6 health [or mental retardation] authority, local intellectual and 7 8 developmental disability authority, or another mental health or intellectual disability [mental retardation] expert described by 9 Subdivision (1). A court that elects to use the results of that 10 previous determination may proceed under Subsection (c). 11
- If the defendant fails or refuses to submit to the 12 collection of information regarding the defendant as required under 13 14 Subdivision (1), the magistrate may order the defendant to submit 15 to an examination in a jail or in another place [mental health facility] determined to be appropriate by the local mental health 16 17 [or mental retardation] authority or local intellectual and developmental disability authority for a reasonable period not to 18 19 exceed 48 hours [21 days]. If applicable, the [The magistrate may order a defendant to a facility operated by the Department of State 20 Health Services or the Department of Aging and Disability Services 21 for examination only on request of the local mental health or mental 22 retardation authority and with the consent of the head of the 23 24 facility. If a defendant who has been ordered to a facility operated by the Department of State Health Services or the 25 Department of Aging and Disability Services for examination remains 26 the facility for a period exceeding 21 days, the head of that 27

- 1 facility shall cause the defendant to be immediately transported to
- 2 the committing court and placed in the custody of the sheriff of the
- 3 county in which the committing court is located. That] county in
- 4 which the committing court is located shall reimburse the local
- 5 mental health authority or local intellectual and developmental
- 6 <u>disability authority</u> [facility] for the mileage and per diem
- 7 expenses of the personnel required to transport the defendant,
- 8 calculated in accordance with the state travel regulations in
- 9 effect at the time.
- 10 (b) Except as otherwise permitted by the magistrate for good
- 11 cause shown, a [A] written assessment of the information collected
- 12 under Subsection (a)(1)(A) shall be provided to the magistrate:
- 13 (1) for a defendant held in custody, not later than 72
- 14 hours after the time an order was issued under Subsection (a); or
- 15 (2) for a defendant released from custody, not later
- 16 than the 30th day after the date \underline{an} [of any] order \underline{was} issued under
- 17 Subsection (a).
- 18 (b-1) The [in a felony case and not later than the 10th day
- 19 after the date of any order issued under that subsection in a
- 20 misdemeanor case, and the] magistrate shall provide copies of the
- 21 written assessment to the defense counsel, the [prosecuting]
- 22 attorney representing the state, and the trial court. The written
- 23 assessment must include a description of the procedures used in the
- 24 collection of information under Subsection (a)(1)(A) and the
- 25 applicable expert's observations and findings pertaining to:
- 26 (1) whether the defendant is a person who has a mental
- 27 illness or is a person with an intellectual disability [mental

1 retardation];

- 2 (2) whether there is clinical evidence to support a
- 3 belief that the defendant may be incompetent to stand trial and
- 4 should undergo a complete competency examination under Subchapter
- 5 B, Chapter 46B; and
- 6 (3) any appropriate or recommended treatment or
- 7 <u>service</u>.
- 8 (c) After the trial court receives the applicable expert's
- 9 written assessment relating to the defendant under Subsection (b-1)
- 10 $[\frac{b}{b}]$ or elects to use the results of a previous determination as
- 11 described by Subsection (a)(2), the trial court may, as applicable:
- 12 (1) resume criminal proceedings against the
- 13 defendant, including any appropriate proceedings related to the
- 14 defendant's release on personal bond under Article 17.032 if the
- 15 defendant is being held in custody;
- 16 (2) resume or initiate competency proceedings, if
- 17 required, as provided by Chapter 46B or other proceedings affecting
- 18 the defendant's receipt of appropriate court-ordered mental health
- 19 or intellectual disability [mental retardation] services,
- 20 including proceedings related to the defendant's receipt of
- 21 outpatient mental health services under Section 574.034, Health and
- 22 Safety Code; [or]
- 23 (3) consider the written assessment during the
- 24 punishment phase after a conviction of the offense for which the
- 25 defendant was arrested, as part of a presentence investigation
- 26 report, or in connection with the impositions of conditions
- 27 following placement on community supervision, including deferred

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   adjudication community supervision; or
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               (4) refer the defendant to an appropriate specialty
   court established or operated under Subtitle K, Title 2, Government
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               This article does not prevent the applicable court from,
   before, during, or after the collection of information regarding
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   the defendant as described by this article:
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               (1) releasing a <u>defendant who has a mental illness</u>
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    [mentally ill] or is a person with an intellectual disability
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    [mentally retarded defendant] from custody on personal or surety
   bond, including imposing as a condition of release that the
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   defendant submit to an examination or other assessment; or
               (2) ordering an examination regarding the defendant's
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   competency to stand trial.
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          (e) The magistrate shall submit to the Office of Court
   Administration of the Texas Judicial System on a monthly basis the
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   number of written assessments provided to the court under
   Subsection (a)(1)(B).
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          SECTION 3. Articles 17.032(a), (b), (c), and (d), Code of
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   Criminal Procedure, are amended to read as follows:
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               In this article, "violent offense" means an offense
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   under the following sections of the Penal Code:
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                    Section 19.02 (murder);
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                    Section 19.03 (capital murder);
                    Section 20.03 (kidnapping);
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Section 20.04 (aggravated kidnapping);

Section 21.11 (indecency with a child);

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(6) Section 22.01(a)(1) (assault), if the offense
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   involved family violence as defined by Section 71.004, Family Code;
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                    Section 22.011 (sexual assault);
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                    Section 22.02 (aggravated assault);
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                    Section 22.021 (aggravated sexual assault);
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               (10) Section 22.04 (injury to a child, elderly
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    individual, or disabled individual);
               (11) Section 29.03 (aggravated robbery);
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               (12) Section 21.02 (continuous sexual abuse of young
   child or children); or
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               (13) Section 20A.03 (continuous trafficking
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   persons).
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   adopted or a standing order entered by a judge, a [A] magistrate
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   shall release a defendant on personal bond unless good cause is
   shown otherwise if [the]:
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               (1) the defendant is not charged with and has not been
   previously convicted of a violent offense;
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                    the defendant is examined by the local mental
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   health [or mental retardation] authority, local intellectual and
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   developmental disability authority, or another qualified mental
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   health or intellectual disability expert under Article 16.22 [of
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   this code];
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                    the applicable expert, in a written assessment
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   submitted to the magistrate under Article 16.22_ [+
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   illness or is a person with an intellectual disability [mental
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1 retardation] and requires treatment not available in jail [is

2 nonetheless competent to stand trial); [and

3 [(B) recommends mental health treatment for the

4 defendant; and]

- 5 (4)the magistrate determines, in consultation with the local mental health [or mental retardation] authority or local 6 intellectual and developmental disability authority, 7 appropriate community-based mental health 8 or intellectual disability [mental retardation] services for the defendant are 9 available in accordance with [through the Texas Department of 10 Mental Health and Mental Retardation under] Section 534.053 or 11 12 534.103, Health and Safety Code, or through another mental health or intellectual disability [mental retardation] services provider; 13 14 and
- (5) the magistrate finds, after considering all the circumstances, a pretrial risk assessment, if applicable, and any other credible information provided by the attorney representing the state or the defendant, that release on personal bond would reasonably ensure the defendant's appearance in court as required and the safety of the community and the victim of the alleged offense.
- (c) The magistrate, unless good cause is shown for not requiring treatment, shall require as a condition of release on personal bond under this article that the defendant submit to outpatient or inpatient mental health or <u>intellectual disability</u> [mental retardation] treatment as recommended by the local mental health [or mental retardation] authority, local intellectual and

- 1 developmental disability authority, or another qualified mental
- 2 health or intellectual disability expert if the defendant's:
- 3 (1) mental illness or <u>intellectual disability</u> [mental
- 4 retardation] is chronic in nature; or
- 5 (2) ability to function independently will continue to
- 6 deteriorate if the defendant is not treated.
- 7 (d) In addition to a condition of release imposed under
- 8 Subsection (c) [of this article], the magistrate may require the
- 9 defendant to comply with other conditions that are reasonably
- 10 necessary to ensure the defendant's appearance in court as required
- 11 and the safety of [protect] the community and the victim of the
- 12 alleged offense.
- SECTION 4. Article 32A.01, Code of Criminal Procedure, is
- 14 amended by amending Subsection (a) and adding Subsection (c) to
- 15 read as follows:
- 16 (a) Insofar as is practicable, the trial of a criminal
- 17 action shall be given preference over trials of civil cases, and the
- 18 trial of a criminal action against a defendant who is detained in
- 19 jail pending trial of the action shall be given preference over
- 20 trials of other criminal actions not described by Subsection (b) or
- 21 <u>(c)</u>.
- (c) Except as provided by Subsection (b), the trial of a
- 23 criminal action against a defendant who has been determined to be
- 24 restored to competency under Article 46B.084 shall be given
- 25 preference over other matters before the court, whether civil or
- 26 <u>criminal.</u>
- 27 SECTION 5. The heading to Article 46B.0095, Code of

- 1 Criminal Procedure, is amended to read as follows:
- 2 Art. 46B.0095. MAXIMUM PERIOD OF COMMITMENT OR [OUTPATIENT
- 3 TREATMENT PROGRAM PARTICIPATION DETERMINED BY MAXIMUM TERM FOR
- 4 OFFENSE.
- 5 SECTION 6. Articles 46B.0095(a), (b), (c), and (d), Code of
- 6 Criminal Procedure, are amended to read as follows:
- 7 (a) A defendant may not, under Subchapter D or E or any other
- 8 provision of this chapter, be committed to a mental hospital or
- 9 other inpatient or residential facility or to a jail-based
- 10 restoration of competency program, ordered to participate in an
- 11 outpatient [treatment] program, or subjected to any combination of
- 12 [both] inpatient or [and] outpatient treatment or program
- 13 participation for a cumulative period that exceeds the maximum term
- 14 provided by law for the offense for which the defendant was to be
- 15 tried, except that if the defendant is charged with a misdemeanor
- 16 and has been ordered only to participate in an outpatient
- 17 [treatment] program under Subchapter D or E, the maximum period of
- 18 restoration is two years.
- 19 (b) On expiration of the maximum restoration period under
- 20 Subsection (a), the mental hospital, [or other inpatient or
- 21 <u>residential</u>] facility<u>,</u> or [outpatient treatment] program provider
- 22 identified in the most recent order of commitment or order of
- 23 outpatient [treatment] program participation under this chapter
- 24 shall assess the defendant to determine if civil proceedings under
- 25 Subtitle C or D, Title 7, Health and Safety Code, are appropriate.
- 26 The defendant may be confined for an additional period in a mental
- 27 hospital or other [inpatient or residential] facility or jail-based

- 1 program or ordered to participate for an additional period in an
- 2 outpatient [treatment] program, as appropriate, only pursuant to
- 3 civil proceedings conducted under Subtitle C or D, Title 7, Health
- 4 and Safety Code, by a court with probate jurisdiction.
- 5 (c) The cumulative period described by Subsection (a):
- 6 (1) begins on the date the initial order of commitment
- 7 or initial order for outpatient [treatment] program participation
- 8 is entered under this chapter; and
- 9 (2) in addition to any inpatient or outpatient
- 10 treatment periods or program participation periods described by
- 11 Subsection (a), includes any time that, following the entry of an
- 12 order described by Subdivision (1), the defendant is confined in a
- 13 correctional facility, as defined by Section 1.07, Penal Code, or
- 14 is otherwise in the custody of the sheriff during or while awaiting,
- 15 as applicable:
- 16 (A) the defendant's transfer to:
- 17 (i) a mental hospital or other inpatient or
- 18 residential facility; or
- 19 <u>(ii)</u> a jail-based restoration of competency
- 20 program;
- 21 (B) the defendant's release on bail to
- 22 participate in an outpatient treatment program; or
- (C) a criminal trial following any temporary
- 24 restoration of the defendant's competency to stand trial.
- 25 (d) The court shall credit to the cumulative period
- 26 described by Subsection (a) any time that a defendant, following
- 27 arrest for the offense for which the defendant was to be tried, is

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- 1 confined in a correctional facility, as defined by Section 1.07,
- 2 Penal Code, before the initial order of commitment or initial order
- 3 for outpatient [treatment] program participation is entered under
- 4 this chapter.
- 5 SECTION 7. Article 46B.010, Code of Criminal Procedure, is
- 6 amended to read as follows:
- 7 Art. 46B.010. MANDATORY DISMISSAL OF MISDEMEANOR CHARGES.
- 8 If a court orders that a defendant charged with a misdemeanor
- 9 punishable by confinement be committed to a mental hospital or
- 10 other inpatient or residential facility or to a jail-based
- 11 restoration of competency program, participate in an outpatient
- 12 [treatment] program, or be subjected to any combination of [both]
- 13 inpatient or [and] outpatient treatment or program participation,
- 14 and the defendant is not tried before the expiration of the maximum
- 15 period of restoration described by Article 46B.0095:
- 16 (1) on the motion of the attorney representing the
- 17 state, the court shall dismiss the charge; or
- 18 (2) on the motion of the attorney representing the
- 19 defendant and notice to the attorney representing the state, the
- 20 court:
- 21 (A) shall set the matter to be heard not later
- 22 than the 10th day after the date of filing of the motion; and
- 23 (B) may dismiss the charge on a finding that the
- 24 defendant was not tried before the expiration of the maximum period
- 25 of restoration.
- SECTION 8. Article 46B.026, Code of Criminal Procedure, is
- 27 amended by adding Subsection (d) to read as follows:

- 1 (d) The court shall submit to the Office of Court
- 2 Administration of the Texas Judicial System on a monthly basis the
- 3 number of reports provided to the court under this article.
- 4 SECTION 9. Article 46B.071(a), Code of Criminal Procedure,
- 5 is amended to read as follows:
- 6 (a) Except as provided by Subsection (b), on a determination
- 7 that a defendant is incompetent to stand trial and is subject to an
- 8 initial restoration period, the court shall:
- 9 (1) if the defendant is charged with an offense
- 10 punishable as a Class B misdemeanor:
- 11 (A) commit the defendant to a program [facility]
- 12 under Article 46B.073; or
- (B) $\left[\frac{(2)}{2}\right]$ release the defendant on bail under
- 14 Article 46B.0711; or
- 15 (2) if the defendant is charged with an offense
- 16 punishable as a Class A misdemeanor or any higher category of
- 17 offense:
- 18 (A) commit the defendant to a facility or program
- 19 under Article 46B.073; or
- 20 (B) release the defendant on bail under Article
- 21 46B.072.
- 22 SECTION 10. Subchapter D, Chapter 46B, Code of Criminal
- 23 Procedure, is amended by adding Article 46B.0711 to read as
- 24 follows:
- 25 Art. 46B.0711. RELEASE ON BAIL FOR CLASS B MISDEMEANOR. (a)
- 26 Subject to conditions reasonably related to ensuring public safety
- 27 and the effectiveness of the defendant's treatment, if the court

- 1 determines that a defendant charged with an offense punishable as a
- 2 Class B misdemeanor and found incompetent to stand trial is not a
- 3 danger to others and may be safely treated on an outpatient basis
- 4 with the specific objective of attaining competency to stand trial,
- 5 the court shall:
- 6 (1) release the defendant on bail or continue the
- 7 <u>defendant's release on bail; and</u>
- 8 (2) order the defendant to participate in an
- 9 outpatient treatment program for a period not to exceed 90 days.
- 10 (b) If the defendant successfully completes the outpatient
- 11 treatment program described by Subsection (a), the court shall:
- 12 (1) on the motion of the attorney representing the
- 13 state, dismiss the charge; or
- 14 (2) proceed as otherwise required by this subchapter.
- 15 (c) If the defendant does not successfully complete the
- 16 outpatient treatment program described by Subsection (a), the court
- 17 may:
- 18 <u>(1) for the remainder of the 90-day period</u> described
- 19 by Subsection (a)(2), commit the defendant to a jail-based
- 20 restoration of competency program under Article 46B.073 if the
- 21 maximum period of restoration described by Article 46B.0095 has not
- 22 expired; or
- 23 (2) on the motion of the attorney representing the
- 24 state, dismiss the charge.
- 25 SECTION 11. The heading to Article 46B.072, Code of
- 26 Criminal Procedure, is amended to read as follows:
- 27 Art. 46B.072. RELEASE ON BAIL <u>FOR CLASS A MISDEMEANOR OR</u>

- 1 FELONY.
- 2 SECTION 12. Article 46B.072, Code of Criminal Procedure, is
- 3 amended by amending Subsection (a-1) and adding Subsections (e) and
- 4 (f) to read as follows:
- 5 (a-1) Subject to conditions reasonably related to ensuring
- 6 [assuring] public safety and the effectiveness of the defendant's
- 7 treatment, if the court determines that a defendant found
- 8 incompetent to stand trial is not a danger to others and may be
- 9 safely treated on an outpatient basis with the specific objective
- 10 of attaining competency to stand trial and if an appropriate
- 11 outpatient treatment program is available for the defendant, the
- 12 court:
- 13 (1) may release on bail a defendant found incompetent
- 14 to stand trial with respect to an offense punishable as a felony or
- 15 may continue the defendant's release on bail; and
- 16 (2) shall release on bail a defendant found
- 17 incompetent to stand trial with respect to an offense punishable as
- 18 a Class A [a] misdemeanor or shall continue the defendant's release
- 19 on bail.
- 20 (e) If the defendant successfully completes the outpatient
- 21 treatment program described by Subsection (a-1), the court shall:
- 22 (1) on the motion of the attorney representing the
- 23 state, dismiss the charge; or
- 24 (2) proceed as otherwise required by this subchapter.
- 25 <u>(f) If the defendant does not successfully complete the</u>
- 26 outpatient treatment program described by Subsection (a-1), the
- 27 court may:

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- 1 (1) for the remainder of the 120-day period described
- 2 by Subsection (b), commit the defendant to a facility or to a
- 3 jail-based restoration of competency program under Article 46B.073
- 4 if the maximum period of restoration described by Article 46B.0095
- 5 has not expired; or
- 6 (2) on the motion of the attorney representing the
- 7 state, dismiss the charge.
- 8 SECTION 13. Article 46B.073, Code of Criminal Procedure, is
- 9 amended to read as follows:
- 10 Art. 46B.073. COMMITMENT FOR RESTORATION TO COMPETENCY. (a)
- 11 This article applies only to a defendant [not released on bail] who
- 12 is subject to an initial restoration period based on Article
- 13 46B.071 and who:
- 14 (1) was not released on bail; or
- 15 (2) if released on bail, is made subject to this
- 16 article by action of the court under Article 46B.0711(c) or
- 17 46B.072(f).
- 18 (b) For further examination, psychiatric stabilization, and
- 19 treatment toward the specific objective of the defendant attaining
- 20 competency to stand trial, the court shall commit a defendant
- 21 described by Subsection (a) to a mental health facility, [or]
- 22 residential care facility, or jail-based restoration of competency
- 23 program for the applicable period as follows:
- 24 (1) a period of not more than 60 days, if the defendant
- 25 is described by Subsection (a)(1) and charged with an offense
- 26 punishable as a misdemeanor; [or]
- 27 (2) a period of not more than 120 days, if the

- 1 defendant is described by Subsection (a)(1) and charged with an
- 2 offense punishable as a felony; or
- 3 (3) the remainder of the restoration period specified
- 4 by the court under Article 46B.0711 or 46B.072, as applicable.
- 5 (b-1) A defendant charged with an offense punishable as a
- 6 Class B misdemeanor may be committed under this subchapter only to a
- 7 jail-based restoration of competency program.
- 8 (c) If the defendant is charged with an offense listed in
- 9 Article 17.032(a), other than an offense listed in Article
- 10 17.032(a)(6), or the indictment alleges an affirmative finding
- 11 under Article 42A.054(c) or (d), the court shall enter an order
- 12 committing the defendant for psychiatric stabilization to the
- 13 maximum security unit of any facility designated by the Department
- 14 of State Health Services, to an agency of the United States
- 15 operating a mental hospital, [ex] to a Department of Veterans
- 16 Affairs hospital, or to a jail-based restoration of competency
- 17 program.
- 18 (d) If the defendant is not charged with an offense
- 19 described by Subsection (c) and the indictment does not allege an
- 20 affirmative finding under Article 42A.054(c) or (d), the court
- 21 shall enter an order committing the defendant for psychiatric
- 22 stabilization to a jail-based restoration of competency program or
- 23 <u>to a</u> mental health facility or residential care facility determined
- 24 to be appropriate by the local mental health authority or local
- 25 intellectual and developmental disability authority.
- 26 (e) On notification from the head of a facility or a program
- 27 provider under Article 46B.079(b)(1), the court shall order the

- 1 defendant to receive competency restoration education services in a
- 2 jail-based restoration of competency program or in an outpatient
- 3 competency restoration education program, as appropriate.
- 4 (f) If a defendant for whom an order is entered under
- 5 Subsection (e) was committed for psychiatric stabilization to a
- 6 facility other than a jail-based restoration of competency program,
- 7 the court shall send a copy of that order to:
- 8 (1) the sheriff of the county in which the court is
- 9 located; and
- 10 (2) the head of the facility to which the defendant was
- 11 committed for psychiatric stabilization [Notwithstanding
- 12 Subsections (b), (c), and (d) and notwithstanding the contents of
- 13 the applicable order of commitment, in a county in which the
- 14 Department of State Health Services operates a jail-based
- 15 restoration of competency pilot program under Article 46B.090, a
- 16 defendant for whom an order is issued under this article committing
- 17 the defendant to a mental health facility or residential care
- 18 facility shall be provided competency restoration services at the
- 19 jail under the pilot program if the service provider at the jail
- 20 determines the defendant will immediately begin to receive
- 21 services. If the service provider at the jail determines the
- 22 defendant will not immediately begin to receive competency
- 23 restoration services, the defendant shall be transferred to the
- 24 appropriate mental health facility or residential care facility as
- 25 provided by the court order. This subsection expires September 1,
- $26 \frac{2019}{1}$.
- 27 SECTION 14. Article 46B.074(a), Code of Criminal Procedure,

- 1 is amended to read as follows:
- 2 (a) A defendant may be committed to a jail-based restoration
- 3 of competency program, mental health facility, or residential care
- 4 facility under this subchapter only on competent medical or
- 5 psychiatric testimony provided by an expert qualified under Article
- 6 46B.022.
- 7 SECTION 15. Article 46B.075, Code of Criminal Procedure, is
- 8 amended to read as follows:
- 9 Art. 46B.075. TRANSFER OF DEFENDANT TO FACILITY OR
- 10 [OUTPATIENT TREATMENT] PROGRAM. An order issued under Article
- 11 46B.0711, 46B.072, or 46B.073 must place the defendant in the
- 12 custody of the sheriff for transportation to the facility or
- 13 [outpatient treatment] program, as applicable, in which the
- 14 defendant is to receive treatment for purposes of competency
- 15 restoration.
- 16 SECTION 16. Articles 46B.0755(a), (b), and (d), Code of
- 17 Criminal Procedure, are amended to read as follows:
- 18 (a) Notwithstanding any other provision of this subchapter,
- 19 if the court receives credible evidence indicating that the
- 20 defendant has been restored to competency at any time after the
- 21 defendant's incompetency trial under Subchapter C but before the
- 22 defendant is transported under Article 46B.075 to the [a mental
- 23 health facility, residential care] facility[7] or [outpatient
- 24 treatment] program, as applicable, the court may appoint
- 25 disinterested experts to reexamine the defendant in accordance with
- 26 Subchapter B. The court is not required to appoint the same expert
- 27 or experts who performed the initial examination of the defendant

1 under that subchapter.

- If after a reexamination of the defendant the applicable 2 3 expert's report states an opinion that the defendant remains incompetent, the court's order under Article 46B.0711, 46B.072, or 4 5 46B.073 remains in effect, and the defendant shall be transported to the facility or [outpatient treatment] program as required by 6 Article 46B.075. If after a reexamination of the defendant the 7 applicable expert's report states an opinion that the defendant has been restored to competency, the court shall withdraw its order 9 10 under Article 46B.0711, 46B.072, or 46B.073 and proceed under Subsection (c) or (d). 11
- 12 (d) The court shall hold a hearing to determine whether the defendant has been restored to competency if any party fails to 13 agree or if the court fails to concur that the defendant is 14 15 competent to stand trial. If a court holds a hearing under this subsection, on the request of the counsel for either party or the 16 17 motion of the court, a jury shall make the competency determination. For purposes of the hearing, incompetency is 18 19 presumed, and the defendant's competency must be proved by a preponderance of the evidence. If after the hearing the defendant 20 is again found to be incompetent to stand trial, the court shall 21 issue a new order under Article 46B.0711, 46B.072, or 46B.073, as 22 appropriate based on the defendant's current condition. 23
- 24 SECTION 17. Article 46B.076, Code of Criminal Procedure, is 25 amended to read as follows:
- Art. 46B.076. COURT'S ORDER. (a) If the defendant is found incompetent to stand trial, not later than the date of the order of

- 1 commitment or of release on bail, as applicable, the court shall
- 2 send a copy of the order to the applicable facility [to which the
- 3 defendant is committed] or [the outpatient treatment] program [to
- 4 which the defendant is released]. The court shall also provide to
- 5 the facility or [outpatient treatment] program copies of the
- 6 following made available to the court during the incompetency
- 7 trial:
- 8 (1) reports of each expert;
- 9 (2) psychiatric, psychological, or social work
- 10 reports that relate to the mental condition of the defendant;
- 11 (3) documents provided by the attorney representing
- 12 the state or the attorney representing the defendant that relate to
- 13 the defendant's current or past mental condition;
- 14 (4) copies of the indictment or information and any
- 15 supporting documents used to establish probable cause in the case;
- 16 (5) the defendant's criminal history record; and
- 17 (6) the addresses of the attorney representing the
- 18 state and the attorney representing the defendant.
- 19 (b) The court shall order that the transcript of all medical
- 20 testimony received by the jury or court be promptly prepared by the
- 21 court reporter and forwarded to the applicable [proper] facility or
- 22 [outpatient treatment] program.
- 23 SECTION 18. Article 46B.077, Code of Criminal Procedure, is
- 24 amended to read as follows:
- 25 Art. 46B.077. INDIVIDUAL TREATMENT PROGRAM. (a) The
- 26 facility or jail-based program to which the defendant is committed
- 27 or the outpatient treatment program to which the defendant is

- 1 released on bail shall:
- 2 (1) develop an individual program of treatment;
- 3 (2) assess and evaluate whether the defendant is
- 4 likely to be restored to competency in the foreseeable future; and
- 5 (3) report to the court and to the local mental health
- 6 authority or to the local intellectual and developmental disability
- 7 authority on the defendant's progress toward achieving competency.
- 8 (b) If the defendant is committed to an inpatient mental
- 9 health facility, [or to a] residential care facility, or jail-based
- 10 restoration of competency program, the facility or program shall
- 11 report to the court at least once during the commitment period. If
- 12 the defendant is released to a treatment program not provided by an
- 13 inpatient mental health facility, [or a] residential care facility,
- 14 or jail-based restoration of competency program, the treatment
- 15 program shall report to the court:
- 16 (1) not later than the 14th day after the date on which
- 17 the defendant's treatment begins; and
- 18 (2) until the defendant is no longer released to the
- 19 treatment program, at least once during each 30-day period
- 20 following the date of the report required by Subdivision (1).
- 21 SECTION 19. Article 46B.078, Code of Criminal Procedure, is
- 22 amended to read as follows:
- 23 Art. 46B.078. CHARGES SUBSEQUENTLY DISMISSED. If the
- 24 charges pending against a defendant are dismissed, the court that
- 25 issued the order under Article <u>46B.0711</u>, <u>46B.072</u>, or <u>46B.073</u> shall
- 26 send a copy of the order of dismissal to the sheriff of the county in
- 27 which the court is located and to the head of the facility, the

- 1 provider of the jail-based restoration of competency program, or
- 2 the provider of the outpatient [treatment] program, as appropriate.
- 3 On receipt of the copy of the order, the facility or [outpatient
- 4 treatment] program shall discharge the defendant into the care of
- 5 the sheriff for transportation in the manner described by Article
- 6 46B.082.
- 7 SECTION 20. Article 46B.079, Code of Criminal Procedure, is
- 8 amended to read as follows:
- 9 Art. 46B.079. NOTICE AND REPORT TO COURT. (a) The head of
- 10 the facility, the provider of the jail-based restoration of
- 11 <u>competency program</u>, or the provider of the outpatient [treatment]
- 12 program, as appropriate, not later than the 15th day before the date
- 13 on which the initial restoration period is to expire according to
- 14 the terms of the order or under Article 46B.0095 or other applicable
- 15 provisions of this chapter, shall notify the applicable court that
- 16 the period is about to expire.
- 17 (b) The head of the facility, jail-based restoration of
- 18 competency program provider, or outpatient [treatment] program
- 19 provider shall promptly notify the court when the head of the
- 20 facility or [outpatient treatment] program provider believes that:
- 21 (1) the defendant has attained <u>psychiatric</u>
- 22 stabilization but has not attained competency to stand trial;
- 23 <u>(2) the defendant has attained</u> competency to stand
- 24 trial; or
- (3) $\left[\frac{(2)}{2}\right]$ the defendant is not likely to attain
- 26 competency in the foreseeable future.
- (c) When the head of the facility or [outpatient treatment]

- 1 program provider gives notice to the court under Subsection (a),
- 2 (b)(2), or (b)(3) [$\frac{(b)}{(b)}$], the head of the facility or [$\frac{(b)(3)}{(b)}$]
- 3 treatment] program provider also shall file a final report with the
- 4 court stating the reason for the proposed discharge under this
- 5 chapter and including a list of the types and dosages of medications
- 6 prescribed for the defendant while the defendant was in the
- 7 facility or participating in the [outpatient treatment] program.
- 8 To enable any objection to the findings of the report to be made in a
- 9 timely manner under Article 46B.084(a-1), the court shall provide
- 10 copies of the report to the attorney representing the defendant and
- 11 the attorney representing the state.
- 12 (d) If the head of the facility or [outpatient treatment]
- 13 program provider notifies the court that the initial restoration
- 14 period is about to expire, the notice may contain a request for an
- 15 extension of the period for an additional period of 60 days and an
- 16 explanation for the basis of the request. An explanation provided
- 17 under this subsection must include a description of any evidence
- 18 indicating a reduction in the severity of the defendant's symptoms
- 19 or impairment.
- 20 SECTION 21. Article 46B.080(a), Code of Criminal Procedure,
- 21 is amended to read as follows:
- 22 (a) On a request of the head of a facility or a [treatment]
- 23 program provider that is made under Article 46B.079(d) and
- 24 notwithstanding any other provision of this subchapter, the court
- 25 may enter an order extending the initial restoration period for an
- 26 additional period of 60 days.
- 27 SECTION 22. Article 46B.081, Code of Criminal Procedure, is

- 1 amended to read as follows:
- 2 Art. 46B.081. RETURN TO COURT. Subject to Article
- 3 46B.082(b), a defendant committed or released on bail under this
- 4 subchapter shall be returned to the applicable court as soon as
- 5 practicable after notice to the court is provided under Article
- 6 46B.079(a), (b)(2), or (b)(3) [46B.079], but not later than the
- 7 date of expiration of the period for restoration specified by the
- 8 court under Article <u>46B.0711</u>, <u>46B.072</u>, or <u>46B.073</u>.
- 9 SECTION 23. The heading to Article 46B.082, Code of
- 10 Criminal Procedure, is amended to read as follows:
- 11 Art. 46B.082. TRANSPORTATION OF DEFENDANT TO COURT.
- 12 SECTION 24. Article 46B.082(b), Code of Criminal Procedure,
- 13 is amended to read as follows:

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- 14 (b) If before the 15th day after the date on which the court
- 15 received notification under Article 46B.079(a), (b)(2), or (b)(3),
- 16 [46B.079] a defendant committed to a facility or jail-based program
- 17 or ordered to participate in an outpatient [treatment] program has
- 18 not been transported to the court that issued the order under

Article $\underline{46B.0711}$, $\underline{46B.072}$, or $\underline{46B.073}$, as applicable, the head of

- 20 the facility or provider of the jail-based program to which the
- 21 defendant is committed or the provider of the outpatient
- 22 [treatment] program in which the defendant is participating shall
- 23 cause the defendant to be promptly transported to the court and
- 24 placed in the custody of the sheriff of the county in which the
- 25 court is located. The county in which the court is located shall
- 26 reimburse the Department of State Health Services or the Health and
- 27 Human [Department of Aging and Disability] Services Commission, as

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- 1 appropriate, for the mileage and per diem expenses of the personnel
- 2 required to transport the defendant, calculated in accordance with
- 3 rates provided in the General Appropriations Act for state
- 4 employees.
- 5 SECTION 25. Subchapter D, Chapter 46B, Code of Criminal
- 6 Procedure, is amended by adding Articles 46B.0825 and 46B.0826 to
- 7 read as follows:
- 8 Art. 46B.0825. DISCHARGE AND TRANSPORTATION OF DEFENDANT
- 9 AFTER PSYCHIATRIC STABILIZATION. (a) As soon as practicable after
- 10 receiving a copy of an order under Article 46B.073(f)(2), the
- 11 applicable facility shall discharge the defendant into the care of
- 12 the sheriff of the county in which the court is located, and the
- 13 sheriff or the sheriff's designee shall transport the defendant to
- 14 the jail-based restoration of competency program or outpatient
- 15 competency restoration education program, as appropriate.
- 16 (b) A jail-based restoration of competency program or
- 17 outpatient competency restoration education program that receives
- 18 a defendant under this article shall give to the court:
- 19 (1) notice regarding the defendant's entry into the
- 20 program for purposes of receiving competency restoration education
- 21 services; and
- 22 (2) subsequent notice as otherwise required under
- 23 Article 46B.079.
- 24 Art. 46B.0826. ADMINISTRATION OF MEDICATION WHILE IN
- 25 CUSTODY OF SHERIFF. A sheriff or other person having custody of a
- 26 defendant for transportation as required by Article 46B.075,
- 27 46B.082, or 46B.0825 shall, according to information available at

- 1 the time and unless directed otherwise by a physician treating the
- 2 defendant, ensure that the defendant is provided with the types and
- 3 dosages of medication prescribed for the defendant.
- 4 SECTION 26. Article 46B.083, Code of Criminal Procedure, is
- 5 amended to read as follows:
- 6 Art. 46B.083. SUPPORTING COMMITMENT INFORMATION PROVIDED
- 7 BY FACILITY [HEAD] OR [OUTPATIENT TREATMENT] PROGRAM [PROVIDER].
- 8 (a) If the head of the facility, the jail-based restoration of
- 9 competency program provider, or the outpatient [treatment] program
- 10 provider believes that the defendant is a person with mental
- 11 illness and meets the criteria for court-ordered mental health
- 12 services under Subtitle C, Title 7, Health and Safety Code, the head
- 13 of the facility or the [outpatient treatment] program provider
- 14 shall have submitted to the court a certificate of medical
- 15 examination for mental illness.
- 16 (b) If the head of the facility, the jail-based restoration
- 17 of competency program provider, or the outpatient [treatment]
- 18 program provider believes that the defendant is a person with an
- 19 intellectual disability, the head of the facility or the
- 20 [outpatient treatment] program provider shall have submitted to the
- 21 court an affidavit stating the conclusions reached as a result of
- 22 the examination.
- 23 SECTION 27. Articles 46B.086(a), (b), (c), and (d), Code of
- 24 Criminal Procedure, are amended to read as follows:
- 25 (a) This article applies only to a defendant:
- 26 (1) who is determined under this chapter to be
- 27 incompetent to stand trial;

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               (2) who either:
                         remains confined in a correctional facility,
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   as defined by Section 1.07, Penal Code, for a period exceeding 72
   hours while awaiting transfer to an inpatient mental health
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   facility, a residential care facility, a jail-based restoration of
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   competency program, or an outpatient [treatment] program;
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                         is committed to an inpatient mental health
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   facility, [or a jail-based
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   restoration;
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   awaiting further criminal proceedings following competency
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                    (D) is subject to Article 46B.0711, if the court
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   has made the determinations required by Subsection (a) of that
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   article; or
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                    (E) [\frac{\text{(D)}}{\text{)}} is subject to Article 46B.072, if the
   court has made the determinations required by Subsection (a-1) of
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   that article;
               (3) for whom a correctional facility that employs or
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26 (4) who, after a hearing held under Section 574.106 or

contracts with a licensed psychiatrist, an inpatient mental health

facility, a residential care facility, a jail-based restoration of

competency program, or an outpatient [treatment] program provider

has prepared a continuity of care plan that requires the defendant

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27 592.156, Health and Safety Code, if applicable, has been found to

to take psychoactive medications; and

- 1 not meet the criteria prescribed by Sections 574.106(a) and (a-1)
- 2 or 592.156(a) and (b), Health and Safety Code, for court-ordered
- 3 administration of psychoactive medications.
- If a defendant described by Subsection (a) refuses to 4 5 take psychoactive medications as required by the defendant's continuity of care plan, the director of the [correctional] 6 [outpatient treatment] program 7 facility or provider, 8 applicable, shall notify the court in which the criminal proceedings are pending of that fact not later than the end of the 9 10 next business day following the refusal. The court shall promptly notify the attorney representing the state and the attorney 11 representing the defendant of the defendant's refusal. 12 The attorney representing the state may file a written motion to compel 13 14 medication. The motion to compel medication must be filed not later 15 than the 15th day after the date a judge issues an order stating that the defendant does not meet the criteria for court-ordered 16 17 administration of psychoactive medications under Section 574.106 or 592.156, Health and Safety Code, except that, for a defendant in 18 19 an outpatient [treatment] program, the motion may be filed at any time. 20
- (c) The court, after notice and after a hearing held not later than the 10th day after the motion to compel medication is filed, may authorize the director of the [correctional] facility or the program provider, as applicable, to have the medication administered to the defendant, by reasonable force if necessary. A hearing under this subsection may be conducted using an electronic broadcast system as provided by Article 46B.013.

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- 1 (d) The court may issue an order under this article only if 2 the order is supported by the testimony of two physicians, one of
- 3 whom is the physician at or with the applicable [correctional]
- 4 facility or [outpatient treatment] program who is prescribing the
- 5 medication as a component of the defendant's continuity of care
- 6 plan and another who is not otherwise involved in proceedings
- 7 against the defendant. The court may require either or both
- 8 physicians to examine the defendant and report on the examination
- 9 to the court.
- 10 SECTION 28. The heading to Article 46B.090, Code of
- 11 Criminal Procedure, is amended to read as follows:
- 12 Art. 46B.090. JAIL-BASED RESTORATION OF COMPETENCY [PILOT]
- 13 PROGRAM IMPLEMENTED BY COMMISSION.
- 14 SECTION 29. Articles 46B.090(a), (a-1), (b), (c), (f), (g),
- 15 (i), (j), (k), (l), and (m), Code of Criminal Procedure, are amended
- 16 to read as follows:
- 17 (a) In this article:
- 18 (1) "Commission" [, "department"] means the Health and
- 19 Human Services Commission [Department of State Health Services].
- 20 (2) "Executive commissioner" means the executive
- 21 commissioner of the Health and Human Services Commission.
- 22 (a-1) The commission may [If the legislature appropriates
- 23 to the department the funding necessary for the department to
- 24 operate a jail-based restoration of competency pilot program as
- 25 described by this article, the department shall develop and
- 26 implement <u>a jail-based restoration of competency</u> [the pilot]
- 27 program in any county [one or two counties] in this state that

- 1 <u>chooses</u> [choose] to participate in the [pilot] program. In
- 2 developing the [pilot] program, the commission [department] shall
- 3 coordinate and allow for input from a [each] participating county.
- 4 (b) The commission [department] shall contract with a
- 5 provider of jail-based competency restoration services to provide
- 6 services under <u>a</u> [the pilot] program <u>implemented</u> [if the department
- 7 develops a pilot program] under this article. The commission may
- 8 contract with a different provider for each program.
- 9 (c) The executive [Not later than November 1, 2013, the]
- 10 commissioner [of the department] shall adopt rules as necessary to
- 11 implement \underline{a} [the pilot] program[. In adopting rules] under this
- 12 article, including rules that [the commissioner shall] specify the
- 13 types of information the commission [department] must collect
- 14 [$\frac{during the operation of the pilot program$] for use in evaluating \underline{a}
- 15 [the outcome of the pilot] program.
- 16 (f) To contract with the <u>commission</u> [department] under
- 17 Subsection (b), a provider of jail-based competency restoration
- 18 services must demonstrate to the commission [department] that:
- 19 (1) the provider:
- 20 (A) has previously provided jail-based
- 21 competency restoration services for one or more years <u>and is</u>
- 22 <u>certified by a nationwide nonprofit organization that accredits</u>
- 23 <u>behavioral health care organizations and programs</u>; [or]
- 24 (B) is a local mental health authority <u>in good</u>
- 25 standing with the commission [that has previously provided
- 26 competency restoration services]; or
- (C) operates under a contract with a local mental

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health authority in good standing with the commission; and
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   competency [restoration] program:
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                    (A)
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   restoration through the use of [uses] a multidisciplinary treatment
   team [to provide clinical treatment that is:
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   of restoring the defendant's competency to stand trial; and
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                          (ii) similar to the clinical treatment
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   provided as part of a competency restoration program at an
   inpatient mental health facility];
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                         employs or contracts for the services of at
   least one psychiatrist or psychologist;
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   services through trained and experienced staff [assigns staff
   members to defendants participating in the program at an average
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   ratio not lower than 3.7 to 1]; [and]
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   weekly treatment hours commensurate to the treatment hours provided
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   as part of a competency restoration program at an inpatient mental
   health facility];
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                    (E) operates in the jail in a designated space
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   that is separate from the space used for the general population of
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                    (F) provides general health care, mental health
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   treatment, and substance use disorder treatment to participants, as
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necessary, for restoration of competency; and

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- 1 (G) supplies clinically appropriate psychoactive
- 2 medications for purposes of administering court-ordered medication
- 3 to participants as applicable and in accordance with Article
- 4 46B.086 of this code and Section 574.106, Health and Safety Code
- 5 [(3) the provider is certified by a nationwide
- 6 nonprofit organization that accredits health care organizations
- 7 and programs, such as the Joint Commission on Health Care Staffing
- 8 Services, or the provider is a local mental health authority in good
- 9 standing with the department; and
- 10 [(4) the provider has a demonstrated history of
- 11 successful jail-based competency restoration outcomes or, if the
- 12 provider is a local mental health authority, a demonstrated history
- 13 of successful competency restoration outcomes].
- 14 (g) A contract under Subsection (b) must require a [the]
- 15 designated provider to collect and submit to the commission
- 16 [department] the information specified by rules adopted under
- 17 Subsection (c).
- 18 (i) The psychiatrist or psychologist for the provider shall
- 19 conduct at least two full psychiatric or psychological evaluations
- 20 of the defendant during the period the defendant receives
- 21 competency restoration services in the jail. The psychiatrist or
- 22 psychologist must conduct one evaluation not later than the 21st
- 23 day and one evaluation not later than the 55th day after the date
- 24 the defendant begins to participate in the [pilot] program. The
- 25 psychiatrist or psychologist shall submit to the court a report
- 26 concerning each evaluation required under this subsection.
- 27 (j) If at any time during a defendant's participation in a

- 1 [the jail-based restoration of competency pilot] program
- 2 <u>implemented under this article</u> the psychiatrist or psychologist for
- 3 the provider determines that the defendant has attained competency
- 4 to stand trial:
- 5 (1) the psychiatrist or psychologist for the provider
- 6 shall promptly issue and send to the court a report demonstrating
- 7 that fact; and
- 8 (2) the court shall consider that report as the report
- 9 of an expert stating an opinion that the defendant has been restored
- 10 to competency for purposes of Article 46B.0755(a) or (b).
- 11 (k) If at any time during a defendant's participation in \underline{a}
- 12 [the jail-based restoration of competency pilot] program
- 13 implemented under this article the psychiatrist or psychologist for
- 14 the provider determines that the defendant's competency to stand
- 15 trial is unlikely to be restored in the foreseeable future:
- 16 (1) the psychiatrist <u>or psychologist</u> for the provider
- 17 shall promptly issue and send to the court a report demonstrating
- 18 that fact; and
- 19 (2) the court shall:
- 20 (A) proceed under Subchapter E or F and order the
- 21 transfer of the defendant, without unnecessary delay, to the first
- 22 available facility that is appropriate for that defendant, as
- 23 provided under Subchapter E or F, as applicable; or
- 24 (B) release the defendant on bail as permitted
- 25 under Chapter 17.
- 26 (1) If the psychiatrist or psychologist for the provider
- 27 determines that a defendant ordered to participate in a [the pilot]

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- 1 program implemented under this article has not been restored to
- 2 competency by the end of the 60th day after the date the defendant
- 3 began to participate in the [pilot] program:
- 4 (1) for a defendant charged with a felony, the
- 5 defendant shall be transferred, without unnecessary delay and for
- 6 the remainder of the period prescribed by Article 46B.073(b), to
- 7 the first available facility that is appropriate for that defendant
- 8 as provided by Article 46B.073(c) or (d); and
- 9 (2) for a defendant charged with a misdemeanor, the
- 10 court may:
- 11 (A) order a single extension under Article
- 12 46B.080 and, notwithstanding Article 46B.073(b-1), the transfer of
- 13 the defendant without unnecessary delay to the appropriate mental
- 14 health facility or residential care facility as provided by Article
- 15 46B.073(d) for the remainder of the period under the extension;
- 16 (B) proceed under Subchapter E or F;
- 17 (C) release the defendant on bail as permitted
- 18 under Chapter 17; or
- 19 (D) dismiss the charges in accordance with
- 20 Article 46B.010.
- 21 (m) Unless otherwise provided by this article, the
- 22 provisions of this chapter, including the maximum periods
- 23 prescribed by Article 46B.0095, apply to a defendant receiving
- 24 competency restoration services, including competency restoration
- 25 <u>education services</u>, under <u>a</u> [the pilot] program <u>implemented under</u>
- 26 this article in the same manner as those provisions apply to any
- 27 other defendant who is subject to proceedings under this chapter.

- 1 SECTION 30. Section 614.0032(b), Health and Safety Code, is
- 2 amended to read as follows:
- 3 (b) The office shall:
- 4 (1) with the special assistance of committee members
- 5 appointed under Section 614.002(b)(1):
- 6 (A) review examinations to determine the
- 7 competency of defendants in criminal cases to stand trial and
- 8 examinations to determine the fitness of children to proceed with
- 9 respect to adjudications of delinquent conduct or conduct
- 10 indicating a need for supervision; and
- 11 (B) periodically report to the legislature and
- 12 the court of criminal appeals findings made as a result of the
- 13 review described by Paragraph (A); [and]
- 14 (2) approve and make generally available in electronic
- 15 format a standard form for use by experts in reporting competency
- 16 examination results under Chapter 46B, Code of Criminal Procedure;
- 17 and
- 18 (3) approve and make generally available in electronic
- 19 format a standard form for use by experts in reporting mental health
- 20 assessment results under Article 16.22, Code of Criminal Procedure.
- 21 SECTION 31. Articles 46B.090(h), (n), and (o), Code of
- 22 Criminal Procedure, are repealed.
- SECTION 32. The changes in law made by this Act apply only
- 24 to a defendant charged with an offense committed on or after the
- 25 effective date of this Act. A defendant charged with an offense
- 26 committed before the effective date of this Act is governed by the
- 27 law in effect on the date the offense was committed, and the former

- 1 law is continued in effect for that purpose. For purposes of this
- 2 section, an offense was committed before the effective date of this
- 3 Act if any element of the offense occurred before that date.
- 4 SECTION 33. This Act takes effect September 1, 2017.